इस्तीफा दिया कि नहीं ? ...(**व्यवधान**)... यह शहीदों के नाम पर धोखाधडी है, मान्यवर। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 o'clock. The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock. 12.00 Noon The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Power Projects in the Backward Districts

*322. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of ongoing power projects in the backward districts of the country;

(b) the present status of the above power projects; and

(c) by when the above power projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The Government of India had set up a Committee in February, 1997 to identify the 100 most backward districts in the country. Based on the districts identified by this Committee, following hydro and thermal ongoing power projects are in the backward districts of India. The details of such projects alongwith present status and likely date of completion is given below:

Name of the Project	State/ District	Capacity (MW)	Commissioning Schedule		Status
			Org.	Latest	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Hydro Central Sector Indira Sagar Khandwa (NHDC)	M.P/	8x125	1997-2000	2004-05	Project being executed by Narmada Hydro Electric Development Corpn. A

1	2	3	4	5	6
					joint venture of Govt, of MP and NHPC with effect from 1.9.2001. Civil in progress.
State Sector					
Chandil	Jharkhand' Singbhum	2x4	1988-1990	2001-02	Dan completed. Out of 13 radial gates, 8 are erected. PH building almost completed. For penstocks, fabrication and erection completed. Erection of escape channel A cross A head regulator gates in progress.
North Koel S	Jharkhand/ Palamu	2x12	1988-1989	10th Plan	At present civil works by NPCC are at standstill since August, 1997 due to contractual and law A order problem. Dam completed upto crest level by Irrigation Deptt, of State Government.
Balimela Dun Toe PH	Orissa/ Koraput	2x30	1982-1983	10th Plan	Excavation of PH was held up since Nov., 1984 due to objection from Govt, of Orissa. Govts, of AP & Orissa have now decided for execution of project by OPCL as an IPP.
Private Sector					
Maheshwar	M.P./ Khargone and Khandwa	10x40	2001-2002	2003-05	Civil works awarded to M/S Southern Engg. Works Ltd.. Hyderabad. Excavation of Dam, PH, TRT etc. are in progress. The basic infrastructure is already in place. Land acquisition and R and R works are in progress.

1	2	3	4	5	6
THERMAL					
Central Sacta Kahalgaon STPP St. II Stale Sector	Dihai/ Bhagalpur	2x660	012007 014006	034007 014006	—
Parli TPS Extn St.I	Maharashtra" Beed	250	024005	024005	The investment approval has been accorded by Planning Commission on 9.2.2001. Land acquisition work is in

$ Works of the project are held up.

Hunter Aircrafts

*323. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Hunter' a veteran aircraft of 1971 Indo-Pak War, made its last flight at the Air Force Day Parade 2001;

(b) if so, how many Hunters had been grounded that day; and

(c) the aircraft that is expected to take over the role of the 'Hunter' in the Air Force Fleet?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) to (c) The Hunter aircraft made its last flight on 8th October, 2001 (Air Force Day) when it was ceremoniously phased out during the Air Force Day Parade at the Air Force Station, Palam.

A total of eight Hunter air crafts were phased out on 8th October, 2001. With that all Hunter aircrafts were phased out of service.

Another suitable aircraft has been assigned the role of Hunter in the Indian Air Force. However, details cannot be divulged due to reasons of national security.